## THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION

CIVIL CASE NO. 1:11cv274

CONNIE SWAFFORD,	)
Plaintiff,	)
vs.	ORDER OF REMAND
MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner of Social Security Administration,	) ) )
Defendant.	) ) )

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Defendant's Consent Motion for Reversal and Remand Pursuant to Sentence Four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) [Doc. 11]. The Plaintiff consents to the motion.

Sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) provides, in pertinent part, that "[t]he court shall have power to enter, upon the pleadings and transcript of the record, a judgment affirming, modifying, or reversing the decision of the Commissioner of Social Security, with or without remanding the cause for a rehearing." The Defendant here has moved for reversal of his decision and for remand of this case for further administrative proceedings.

The Court finds that remand is appropriate. See Melkonyan v. Sullivan, 501 U.S. 89, 111 S.Ct. 2157, 115 L.Ed.2d 78 (1991). Upon remand to the Commissioner, the Appeals Council shall instruct the ALJ to evaluate Plaintiff's claim at step five of the sequential evaluation process based on her two age categories: individual closely approaching advanced age and individual of advanced age.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Defendant's Consent Motion for Reversal and Remand Pursuant to Sentence Four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) [Doc. 11] is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the decision of the Commissioner of Social Security is hereby REVERSED and this case is hereby REMANDED for further administrative proceedings, consistent with this Order.

The Clerk of Court shall enter a separate Judgment of Remand simultaneously herewith. The Clerk of Court is notified that this is a final judgment closing the case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: March 27, 2012

Martin Reidinger

United States District Judge